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Applicant: Yao Wang, Mohamed Chehadeh and Quang Vu
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RESOURCES FOR A HOST COMPUTER

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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Claims 1-61 were rejected in the Final Office Action (12/3/03) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over Staheli (5,537,533) and Firooz (6,145,019). Applicants submitted an Amendment on March 2, 2004. The Advisory Action (3/18/04) indicated that Applicants' Amendment did not place the application in condition for allowance, and provided some comments on the reasons why. The purpose of this paper is to respond to those comments in an attempt to move the application to allowance.

The Advisory Action indicated that Applicants' most recent Amendment did not place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicant argued that prior art did not disclosure automatically configuring a second host computer to provide additional computational resources for the first host computer. As to applicant's argument Firooz disclosed that the configuration philosophy of Plug and play SCSI, in